

But whether the Carranza inquiry is answered or ignored, there is every evidence that the United States will not wait much longer before taking action. The State Department today gave hint of this when officials there stated that Secretary Lansing might not wait until copies of the appeal had been delivered to all the leaders in Mexico. Those whose delivery has been reported were addressed to leaders in inaccessible portions of western and southern Mexico, including General Zapata, Villa's ally.

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The Villa press bureau confined itself to the following discussion of the military situation:

"Governor Maytorena has wired the Confidential Agency from Nogales and Mazatlán. We have received information that the Carranzistas are still in Magdalena. The Carranzistas remained in Magdalena only a few hours, burning and looting the town. They beat a hasty retreat to the Colorado Mountains, our forces under Colonel Cardenas. Part of the railroad destroyed on their retreat. Santa Cruz is almost repaired and the traffic will resume next week. Communication with Guaymas was re-established today. The morale of the Carranzistas is excellent and they will soon dominate the military situation in Sonora, having received an abundant supply of provisions and munitions."

It is stated that the Carranzistas, who the Confidential Agency had claimed victory of the Convention troops at Monterrey requires considerable time to reorganize. The Confidential Agency was that following defeat of the Carranzistas at Villa Garcia, the Convention forces had laid siege to the Carranzista position at Magdalena. The Carranzistas are progressing favorably. This news has been entirely confirmed by later dispatches to the agency from the minister of interior.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Colonel Roosevelt has come spiritedly to the defense of Gen. Leonard Wood, who was reprimanded by Secretary of War G. K. Elihu, for permitting the colonel to speak at the Plattsburg camp.

He issued the following statement:

"Nearly three weeks ago it was announced in the public press, the statement being carried prominently in every newspaper, that in addition to President Wilson, Secretary of War Garrison some scores of private citizens had been asked to go to the Plattsburg camp, where it was expected they would appear to the men."

"It is, of course, impossible for Secretary Garrison can have been ignorant of the question asked, and if he desired General Wood to appear in advance what we were expected to say to him was clearly his duty to direct the general in this matter."

"I am, of course, solely responsible for the statement made."

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 28.—That fellow who looked with a lantern, for an honest man, may be headed toward St. Paul today.

Prof. A. F. Meyer, of the University of Minnesota, has handed back \$308 of his salary, to the board of regents, alleging that he used his own time doing work not connected with the university.

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